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A PERSONAL NOTE: Just a note about flyers. They will be inserted **if there is room**. Cost is \$30 for 400 flyers (8 1/2 by 11; #20 weight paper or less). If you send camera ready ads, cost is \$65 and I will make the copies.

CONVENTION 1991: Dates are Oct 24 - 26, 1991. Place is still Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Details, including major changes, will be forthcoming.

REMINISCING: From **July, 1971: Vol. 2, No. 7:** I am near completion of my original network booklet (How many of you still have it? It was replaced several years ago; It will be replaced again in about 2 years with a 400-page project I have been working on for almost 2 years.)...**Ray Stanich** is putting out logs. One of his first is The Railroad Hour...Several ways to check the speed of shows is: For NBC shows check the chimes. They should be G E C; check keys of theme music; check length of show; listen to sound of voices...The controversy still continues on whether to doublespeed or not when you make copies. (Most copies today, whether reel or cassette are made at faster speeds.)...**Don Boates** reminds us to leave blank tape at the beginning of recording and between shows, especially on reels. Don't start the show right away...**New Friends: Joseph Smith, Dee Magers, Tom Chelstowski, Steve Lewis** of Newington, **Ralph Mottola, Jr.**

From **Carl Erickson:** Mary Margaret McBride has been on the air since May 3, 1934. She doubles. On the CBS network she is known as Mary Margaret McBride, while on WOR later in the day she is known as Mary Deane. She uses a team of researchers to gather her material but ad-libs the whole 15-minute program.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: **Gene Ewan** and his 10th grade World History 11 classes on April 12th at Overbrook Regional Senior High School in New Jersey had their annual Old-time radio day. Guests were Gary Hodgson, host of Radio Classics on WCAU in Philadelphia until 1990; Barney Beck and Michelle & Lon Clark. Lon Clark with the help of Barney Beck and students re-created a Nick Carter, Master Detective radio show...The Museum of Broadcasting in New York is changing its name to The Museum of Television and Radio. On September 12th it will move to larger quarters on 25 West 52nd Street in New York. The museum was founded in 1975. On Saturdays, children from the area participate in re-creating a radio show from acting to sound effects.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Through the Horn**, Spring/summer; article on Lum and Abner...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, April; articles on Dan O'Herlihy; Richard Powell.. May; article on Frank Martin...**Daily Sentinel**, May - Jun; articles on Unshackled and the John Gambling family...**Listening Guide Newsletter**, Jan - Mar; History and listing of all Broadway Is My Beat in circulation; more information to the new collector by Terry Salomonson.. **Return With Us Now**, Mar; Article on creation of Charlie McCarthy...**NARA News**, Vol. 19 #1; articles on Mae West, the FCC and Indecency; Basil Rathbone - The Real Sherlock Holmes.. **Nostalgia Digest**, Jun - Jul; articles on Fred Allen; big band vocal groups; Vic and Sade; movie posters...**Radio Recall**, May - Jun; articles on American Library of Radio and Television in Thousand Oaks, CA.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES: (Just a reminder that these are brief reviews. For more exhaustive reviews, check other newsletters, especially Chris Lembesis's column in the **SPERDVAC Bulletin**)....**The Days of My Life** by Macdonald Carey was just published by St. Martin's Press in New York. This 300 - page book covers all aspects of Carey's career. Radio is just covered on about 20 pages. Cost is \$19.95...A publication around for about 5 years is **Golden Perils**, a hero pulp fanzine. Subscription is \$16 a year. Send to Howard Hopkins, 5 Miliken Mills Rd., Scarborough, ME 04074. Latest issue is devoted to the Green Hornet.

ORGANIZATIONS AND CONVENTIONS: **Harry Hopkins** is out with his 13th annual Fandom Directory. This is the largest of its kind with addresses of virtually all collectors of all areas including comics, OTR, Books, Fantasy, Sci Fi. Cost is \$14.95 plus \$3 postage but is \$3 off (\$14.95 total) for all members of The Friends of Old-time Radio who is anyone that receives this newsletter. Mention FOTR when you send check to Fandata Publications, 7761 Asterella Court, Springfield, VA 22152. Previous editions are available also...A new club is **The Illinois Old Radio Shows Society**, 10 South 540 County Line Rd, Hinsdale, IL 60521.. **RHAC 1991 Convention** is being held on June 14 - 15, 1991 in Denver, Colorado. Some special guests will be Les Tremayne, Sam Edwards, Ezra Stone, Tyler McVey, Shirley Mitchell, Ray Erlenborn. For information call (303) 761-4139...The annual convention of the Antique Radio Club of America is being hosted the the Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club June 13 - June 15 at the Holiday Inn, Timonium, Plaza, Timonium, Maryland. For information call Joe Koester at (301) 725-4229...The **Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation's 15th Anniversary Luncheon** was held on May 22nd at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Melville, NY. Special guests included Dwight Weist, Adele Ronson, Fran Carlon and Gil Mack, all of whom spoke. The SJK Mobile and Audio Library Program freely distributes audio cassettes of books, magazines and Old-time radio shows to hospital patients, nursing home residents and homebound individuals. If you would like to donate tapes or money, send to SJK Foundation, 2-12 West Park Ave., Long Beach, NY 11561.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **The Fantastic Four** were a series of thirteen 5 - minute episodes broadcast in 1975 by Stan Lee. It was based on the Marvel Comic heroes. The programs are being revived by Chuck Jusek, associate editor of Golden Perils, mentioned above. For more information, send a SASE to Chuck at 57 Hutton Ave., Nanuet, NY 10954..From AVPRO to subscribers of Listening Guide Newsletter: Candid Microphone (10 shows), Man Called X, others.

LOGS: From **Ray Stanich**, 173 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201; For SASE notations, always send 52 cents in stamps. **Somerset Maugham Theater** (SASE); **Philco Radio Hall of Fame** (SASE).

NEW ADDRESSES: **Joe Armento**, Box 6561, Oak Ridge, TN 37831...**Anna Passadino**, 45 Central Ave., #14E, Albany, NY 12206

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Andy Ackerman**, 1447 South Overbrook, Springfield, MO 65804...**Doug Bateman**, 2702 Martin Manor Dr., Goshen, IN 46526 has many ET's which he wants to sell. Please contact him (219) 533-6059...**Chuck Huck**, 4 S 230 River Rd., Warrenville, IL 60555...**Harry Fleetwood**, 244 W 72nd St. (P.H.R.), New York, NY 10023. Harry has been an announcer on radio for many years, currently on staff at NBC...**John Best**, Box 277A RR1, Durhamville, NY 13054 has 6 Lone Ranger from 4/3/40 - 10/4/40 on 16" Fairchild records; also has 16" records of Fulton Lewis Jr. (5/3, 7/12, 8/5/40), and Raymond Gram Swing (8/5/40)...**George Miller, Jr.**, 9733 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. George wants to buy 16" ET's of Network shows; also wants network newscasts in excellent sound; also wants to know if there are any compact discs recorders yet or any services that will transfer tape to CD's...**Darrell Davis**, 301 E. Tom Landry, Mission, TX 78572...**Jack Palmer**, 145 North 21st St., Battlecreek, MI 49015...**James Mayor**, 26824 Howard Chapel Dr., Damascus, MD 20872...**Sandra Moncrief**, Box 32, Pass Christian, MS 39571 is looking for the Big Story episode about Mr. William A. Dolan, known as the Phantom Barber. He was falsely accused of hair cutting scheme and of crime of assault and battery in Jackson County, Mississippi in 1942.. **George Vlasto**, 161 Briarbrae Rd., Stamford, CT 06903 has about 600 16 inch ET's for sale. They include 220 Tex and Jinx and many AFRS recordings. Write or call (203) 322-0089.. **Neal**

Schmitt, 7660 Briarmeadow Ln., Worthington, OH 43235 wants information on Tom Collins from The Adventures of Frank Race...**Ken Slattery**, 7436 North St., Sauk City, WI 53583...**Darrick Childs**, 3826 Arbor, Houston, TX 77004 has about 1000 Lum and Abner scripts from 1933 - 1949 for sale. Price negotiable. Write or call at 713-529-6507...**Guy Gerath**, 4603 Hoskins Rd., North Vancouver, B.C. Canada V7K 2R2.

OLD FRIENDS: **Lawrence Rao**, 700 Cherokee Rd. #E, Portsmouth, VA 23701 has a reel for auction list which you can have for a SASE with 52 cents. He is still trying to get a quality copy of Chickenman...**Phil Evans**, Box 136 Downtown Station, Bakersfield, CA 93302 still trying to find information on musician, Frank Trumbauer and his radio career. He worked with Raymond Paige and Russ Case from mid-February through mid-June 1946. What shows did they play?...**Kayleen Sybrandt**, 3333 Morningside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810 looking for Hal Peary's songs, dramatic readings and stories for children...**Lynn Lichty**, RR 2, Box 130A, Antwerp, OH 45813 would like lists of radio tapes and VCR tapes, especially of country music radio shows, especially Hoosier Hop. Lynn's VCR interests are travelogs or wrestling...**Tom Price**, Box 1661, Salinas, CA 93902 is still offering the complete two-volume edition of Fibber McGee's Closet. The price is considerable because it now has to be copied.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Dan Shapiro**, Mar 28, 81; writer (Eddie Cantor, Al Jolson)...**Jack McCoy**, Mar 18, 72; radio personality (Steve Allen Show, House Party)...**Jack Roche**, Mar 13, 86; writer for radio and tv (Bob and Ray, Duffy's Tavern)...**Marjorie Warfield**, Apr 15, 88; film, legit and radio actress (Nobody's Children)...**Ken Curtis**, Apr 27, 74; singer and actor (on radio, mostly a singer with Jo Stafford and Sons of the Pioneers.)

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JAY HICKERSON, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887. \$12 a year

16" TRANSCRIPTION DISCS WANTED

DEAR COLLECTOR,

I AM LOOKING TO BUY 16" TRANSCRIPTION DISCS OF THE FOLLOWING NETWORK SHOWS (NO AFRS PLEASE). THEY MUST BE COMPLETE SHOWS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. ORIGINAL NETWORK STUDIO MASTER TAPES IN EXCELLENT SHAPE ARE ALSO WELCOMED. THE SHOWS I'M LOOKING FOR ARE:

- 1) AMOS & ANDY SHOW
- 2) CHARLIE MCCARTHY SHOW
- 3) DUFFY'S TAVERN
- 4) FIBBER MCGEE & MOLLY
- 5) FRED ALLEN SHOW
- 6) GUNSMOKE
- 7) HAVE GUN, WILL TRAVEL
- 8) INNER SANCTUM
- 9) JACK BENNY SHOW
- 10) LIGHTS OUT
- 11) LUX RADIO THEATER
- 12) NETWORK NEWSCASTS (NBC, CBS, ABC)
- 13) OUR MISS BROOKS
- 14) PHIL HARRIS / ALICE FAYE SHOW
- 15) SUSPENSE
- 16) TEXACO STAR THEATER (W/ FRED ALLEN)
- 17) THE LIFE OF RILEY
- 18) THE WHISTLER
- 19) TOWN HALL TONIGHT (W/ FRED ALLEN)
- 20) X MINUS ONE
- 21) YOU BET YOUR LIFE

SO, IF YOU HAVE COMPLETE ORIGINAL NETWORK RECORDINGS OF THE ABOVE SHOWS YOU WISH TO SELL, PLEASE CONTACT ME. MANY THANKS.

REGARDS,



GEORGE F. MILLER, JR.
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OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS 60453

OR CALL ME AFTER 6:00 PM, CENTRAL TIME, AT (708) 424-3963.